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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
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SUBJECT: Telecommunications Censorship Planning

1. The Office of Naval Intelligence is responsible for establishing a censorship of civilian international telecommunications in the event of a national emergency. In advance planning to execute this responsibility, ONI has asked CIA whether it wished to be included in the Navy communication plan.

2. The responsible Offices (particularly FI and OCI) deem it important to have CIA included and the Assistant Director for Communications has concluded arrangements with Navy. There is attached a copy of a memorandum to OIC from AD/Commo, dated 7 October 1953, detailing those arrangements.

3. Addressees are reminded that there is another related, but separate, aspect of censorship planning, namely: censorship of the international mails and of communications carried by travelers. The responsibility for establishing this censorship is jointly assigned to Army and Air Force. Planning for this censorship has involved CIA in producing the "National Censorship Requirements Guide" (see memorandum to ADs from AD/IC dated 21 March 1952). No further action is required on this aspect of censorship at this time.

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